

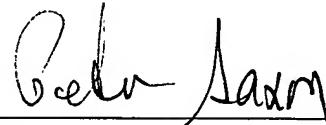
(c)      REMARKS

The claims are 1-8 with claim 1 being independent. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended in order to improve their format.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



Peter Saxon  
Attorney for Applicant  
Registration No. 24,947

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO  
30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, New York 10112-3801  
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200

NY\_MAIN 530327v1